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Tourette's syndrome is a neurological disorder which occurs in early childhood or adolescence before the age of 18 years old. Among children with Tourette's syndrome, 27 percent have been reported as having moderate to severe forms of the condition. It is defined as the presence of multiple motor and vocal tics lasting for more than one year. While it is often thought to cause frequent outbursts of obscene language by those afflicted with this disorder, such behavior is only common in fewer than 15 percent of Tourette's sufferers.

Tourette's affects over 200,000 people in the United States and is equally likely to occur in all races and ethnic groups, which can have a detrimental impact on learning. Problems in dealing with tics, often combined with attention deficits and other learning difficulties, call for special education assistance.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisor proclaim June 2014 as Tourette's Syndrome Awareness Month throughout Los Angeles County to bring awareness that this disorder impacts many families in the County and to encourage residents to become educated about Tourette's syndrome and help spread awareness of its effects.

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